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If you see that on your mark of
Pastry Flour
You can be sure that you have the best,
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Boots: Shoes: Boots

We Have Just Received Several Large Consignments From the Best Makers, and Consequently are in a Position to Offer Exceptional Value.

Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Etc.

We have a large stock, constantly being added to. We guarantee stock and workmanship equal to the best in the market, while prices are as low, at least, as the lowest.

No, We Are Not Neglecting Our

Grocery Stock.

That Is Up to Date in Every Particular.

We carry Duncans and Delta Creamery Butter, a very choice stock of Selected Dairy and Eastern Creamery in Tubs, and regular supplies of choice Ranch Butter.

Our Coffee Stock

Has been supplemented by a supply of SCHILLING'S BEST, put up in 1 lb. packets, which we grind for you while you wait. Our Empress Brand is still, as always, equal to anything in the market for the money.

Our "Special" Tea

Is still the Prime Favorite and easily retains its place as the BEST TEA in the country for the price. 2 c. @ 9. We carry a very large stock, including the best brands of all sorts, and we are sole agents for the famous Salada Tea.

Our Automatic Oil Can

Is giving unbounded satisfaction, and as we are supplying them FREE, you should get one. There is no waste, no oil spilling over anything, and the oil is supplied 2c. tin lower than the regular cans.

Give Us a Trial Order. You Will Find Us All Right.

The People's Store, Victoria Crescent.

New Millinery New Jackets New Dress Goods

We are showing a Very Choice Selection of each of the above of the Very Latest Styles.

Our Ladies' and Children's Hats

Are the Most Fashionable of the Season.

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CRESCENT STORE. Naniamo, B. C.

It's OKELL & MORRIS' PRESERVES

They ARE ALL RIGHT. THE PUREST AND BEST.

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Repaired in Good Shape
to avoid danger of accidents.

Repairing Bikes a Specialty

R. J. WENBORN'S.

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It will pay you to call and examine the

NEW FALL GOODS

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CITY LOT—FINE POSITION

Valued at \$600

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The above lot is ALL CLEARED and FULL SIZE. Never yet had a Lot like this been offered at such a ridiculously low price. Call or write—

J. H. GOOD

City Auction Rooms

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BASTION STREET

Are now prepared to Call Down Old Lots, by use of our Improved Shovel, making them as good as new.

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Municipal Notice.

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FIVE for paying Taxes, to

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S. GOUGH,

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Ald. Planta asked how many months' salary was owing to the school teachers? He understood that there was some inconvenience being caused to some who had not received payment. Some were dependent on their salary to take advantage of the rebate on taxes, and he asked if there had not been paid. Would they be allowed the rebate?

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Now is the Time.

We took occasion last week to remind our readers of the importance to be attached to the new discoveries and promising developments that are every day coming to hand in reference to the mineral wealth of the electoral district of Vancouver Island.

We also drew the attention of our readers to the importance of this city should play in the returning property, that was sure to come as the result of working these mines. During the past week we have received word from reliable sources of other valuable discoveries on Texada, also from Powell Lake, come the welcome news of a discovery, in which some of our well-known citizens have been the lucky locators. Then, again, many claims have been recorded in the Nansimo Lakes district, while Albert still keeps forging ahead, day after day adding evidences that go to prove to those who have thrown in their fortunes with that locality that they have not done so in vain, but that by honest effort they will reap the golden harvest.

There is at the present time a large number of men out among the hills in every direction, and many more are preparing to go. We wish them every success, though it may be taken for a foregone conclusion that many of those adventurers will return empty handed. Yet it is well understood that only by diligent searching that we can eventually know the extent and worth of our minerals, which we have every reason to believe will meet the expectations of the most sanguine.

We reiterate that it is high time our citizens were bestirring themselves. There comes an opportunity in the experience of every community, as well as in the experience of every individual, which it taken advantage of, will open up the road to future success and prosperity. But if let pass, it never returns. We have come to the conclusion, after carefully studying the situation, that Nansimo's opportunity is now at hand. Shall we grasp it? Surely there can be found in our midst many who, with clear heads and stout hearts will step to the front and for the good of all set in motion the latent forces that now lay dormant, and thereby eventually place our fair city in that proud position that natural advantages have destined her to occupy. We are fully aware of the extent of the feeling abroad in this city against any proposition that may be brought forward which savors of an increase in taxation. But we have come to the conclusion that this feeling is founded to a large extent upon sentiment, rather than upon logical reasoning. Let us examine this question and see what the facts of the case will set forth.

1. We find Nansimotians alone the only green spot on the east coast of this island that is not owned and controlled, body and soul, by that gigantic octopus, known as the E. & N. Railway.

2. We find, as we have before stated, that great mineral wealth exists and is being developed in this district, which lays beyond the grasp and control of this monopoly.

3. We find that in Nansimo the greater part of the inhabitants are employed in menial and menial work, and that their comfortable homes, dependent upon the coal mines operated in their midst for an existence.

4. We find that Nansimo is naturally situated to become the distributing point as well as the point to centralise all the products of these mineral lands for scientific treatment. Therefore, the question that now confronts us is simply this: Will it be to the best interests of our city generally to move along in the "even tenor of our way" that has characterized some men and things in this city for the past twenty three years, of which they

have great reason to feel justly proud, or will it be to the best interests of all, to make one supreme effort to place our city in that position which it is patent to all it ought to occupy. If it is decided that the former is the better course to pursue, then we have no hesitation in saying that our citizens will soon witness the grand spectacle of other cities less favourably situated, drawing all the benefits to be derived from the working of these precious metals, while the property in this city, despite the poverty, and are long become valueless as a result of being hemmed in and tied down by a relentless monopoly. Our calm and unbiased opinion is, that it would be far better were it necessary to treble our rates of taxation, if thereby we can open channels through which will flow streams that would set in motion the wheels of industries, that could not be blocked by the blighting influences of such a monopoly as the E. & N. R. This is the plain unvarnished fact, in our humble opinion that now confronts our citizens.

We respectfully ask you, fellow-citizens to give this matter your serious consideration. There is no use to hedge this question away from us. Let it be faced fairly and squarely, then settle it once for all. If this is not done, and that right speedily, we are constrained to believe that the time is not far distant when it will effectively settle you.

The Police Investigation.

We have been reliably informed that Mr. A. R. Johnston, the third member of the Board of Police Commissioners, has left the city on an extended visit to the Kootenay country. If Mr. Johnston had finished his public duties as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners, his private or business trips to Kootenay or elsewhere would be no particular concern of ours, or the general public. But he has not finished that important part of his duty in connection with the police enquiry, and that he should leave the city before a decision was rendered is more than remarkable.

The mental olfactory organs of the people of this city have already been too long polluted by the foul fumes from the moral cesspool uncovered by the charges laid by the Rev. D. A. McKee against Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson, to leave this too famous, or rather infamous, case any longer in abeyance; it needs not to create artificial influence in its own favor. But weakness, with strong probability of guilt, is always in a hurry to make a noise and create a sensation for itself.

I referred to certain facts in your issue of last week that must be considered by the commissioners, and that was evidence given by the defendants themselves. That cannot, so far as I am able to see, be reconciled with the honest duties of the policemen. If these statements had been made by the prosecution, I would have been prepared to say, we must see how they are borne out by other evidence; but this is their own side of the case, which, if placed by the side of the other, seems to make the position a very hard one to straighten.

There is another side to this matter that the public must remember. It is not only a question of prejudicing the case as presented by Mr. McKee, but making it so difficult as possible for any person to take the responsibility of formulating any charge in the future. The more mind they can throw against the parties bringing the present charges, however clear they may be, the less likelihood will there be of any other coming forward to place himself in such a position. This is one of the things in life which must be backed up by the people, if honest enterprise is to be found to fight the demon, and I venture to think that even the Free Press is not so anxious about proving the innocence of the accused policemen as it is to spit in the face of its old enemies, and secure its own good in the future by deterring any one from coming forward to fight the battle of honesty.

with general approval, and suggested that the transaction evidence be sent to Sup't. Huxley for decision. Since then we have heard it advocated that the case be submitted to Judge Harrison, so as to remove it beyond the possible pale of party politics. We concur all we desire is to get an impartial decision according to the evidence, and get it quickly.

Broken Promises.

The Hon. D. M. Elbert, Attorney-General of British Columbia, has at last arrived home from his somewhat prolonged vacation in England. We trust the Attorney-General feels fully recuperated in body and mind after his summer picnic. Acting on the supposition that he is now prepared to do a little work, and before that old-time tired feeling settles down on him again, we take the opportunity of reminding him of certain promises which he made in the Local Legislature last spring, about testing the constitutionality of the amendment to the "Coal Mines Regulations Act" of 1890, prohibiting Chinese from working in coal mines. We would also remind Mr. Elbert of a little promise he made to a delegation of coal miners last March, that he would have the case before the Supreme Court, at earliest, in ten days. Seven months have come and gone, and to all appearance, the case is as far from coming before the Supreme Court as the day Mr. Elbert made his promise to the two confiding miners. Mr. Elbert's memory must be of a very treacherous composition, or else his sense of honor in living up to a solemn promise is extremely lax. As an inducement to the Attorney-General to redeem his broken promises, we fling ourselves to do all in our power, when opportunity presents itself, to place Mr. Elbert and his worthy colleagues in that retirement, which they are so richly endowed by nature to adorn.

The Spectator.

It is wonderful how anxious the old Free Press party is to put an air of victory concerning the late police inquiry. The Free Press declares the want of evidence against the policemen, and the outside friends shake the heads of the defendants and congratulate them on their complete victory and innocence. Now, we cannot have any stronger evidence of what is the mind of the accused really think of their position than the fact that they have decided the judgment before the authorities have had time to do so. Innocence is always prepared to wait; it needs not to create artificial influence in its own favor. But weakness, with strong probability of guilt, is always in a hurry to make a noise and create a sensation for itself.

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